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Fratus named Woody Hayes National Scholar Athlete

Shelley Fratus, a 1988 graduate of Cedarville College, was selected as one of six athletes from across the nation to receive the coveted Woody Hayes National Scholar Athlete Award. The announcement was made by the University Sertoma Club of Columbus, Ohio, and the recipients were honored at the club's annual awards banquet on January 27. Fratus was the only Ohio resident, as well as the only NAIA athlete, to be named this year.

"I am honored to receive such a prestigious award in the name of Coach Hayes," Fratus remarked at the awards banquet. "I also thank those who have helped me at Cedarville College, but foremost I thank my God who has given me the ability to run for the glory of His Son Jesus Christ."

A national screening committee, chaired by President Edward Jennings of The Ohio State University, selected three men and three women, one each from NCAA Division I, the combination of NCAA Division II and NAIA, plus NCAA Division III. The six all completed their athletic eligibility in 1988, have a combined grade point average of better than 3.8, and all are outstanding in campus leadership and community service.

Fratus was a 1988 NAIA All-American in the 400 meter hurdles when she placed fourth in the national finals with a school-record time of 62.94 seconds. She was a three-time NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Associa-



Shelly Fratus makes a few comments after receiving her Woody Hayes National Scholar Athlete trophy.

tion) champion in the event. Shelley holds the 400 meter hurdle record in both NAIA District 22 and the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference.

Fratus graduated with a 3.96 GPA in Biology and earned a spot on the Dean's Honor List in every quarter since she transferred to Cedarville in the fall of 1986. She was named to the NAIA and NCCAA Academic All-America track teams in both 1987 and 1988.

Shelley and her husband Jeff reside in Xenia, Ohio and both are active in the Fairhaven Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Centerville. Both are also involved with the Young Life Clubs in the Kettering and Beavercreek areas. Shelley is a graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School.

Dr. John Silvius, Professor of Biology and Fratus' academic advisor, added, "Shelley was able to

The NCAA Division I recipients were Chuck Cutler, a wide receiver for the Brigham Young University football team, and Linda Leith, a swimmer from the University of Georgia. The male award for NCAA Division II-NAIA was presented to Allan Severude, a track and cross country runner from Augustana, S.D. The NCAA Division III winners were Robert Castagna, a defensive lineman for the Iona College, N.Y. football team, and Monica Mahoney, a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams at Sweet Briar College, Va.

According to University Sertoma Club President Eric Parks, the young athletes represent "the very best in our colleges and exemplify the standards of excellence, both academic and athletic, set forth by Coach Woody Hayes." The Club honored the athletes and their colleges with individual trophies and \$1500 scholarships for the general scholarship funds.

All proceeds from the event were directed toward the University Sertoma's scholarship program, Sertoma sponsorships, which include speech and hearing clinics, the Clintonville Community Center and comprehensive research centers at OSU. Charities designated by the family of Coach Woody Hayes also shared in the proceeds.

balance the demands of both academics and athletics. That balance, as well as her excellence in both areas, is what makes her unique."

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Callan's Comments

Dr. Don Callan, Athletic Director

It's that time of year when high school student-athletes are considering the question of, "Can I become a college athlete and where should I attend?"

On the recruiting end of this dilemma is the college. They are saying, "What do we need in size, talent, and potential, plus where can we find such athletes?"

We live in a day of information and mail boxes are full of materials from colleges to just about anyone and everyone who is an athlete of any potential. Colleges are competing for athletes, yes, but more than that, colleges are seeking student-athletes.

Athletics is a way to also fill seats that make colleges solvent. The athletic program is a prime tool schools use to recruit students, thus colleges are attempting to identify potential student-athletes and then recruit them. In many instances, potential financial assistance is what attracts the student-athlete. High school athletes and parents look at this as a payoff for all those years of hard work and dedication.

Yes, colleges are in sales and the consumer is the high school student-athlete. Since this process is a two-way street, I thought it might be good to look at some guidelines that the student-athlete might find helpful when attempting to make such a life-impacting choice of, "where should I go to college?"

Following is a checklist for college bound student-athletes:

1. Evaluate your athletic potential.
2. Have your coach evaluate your college potential in athletics.
3. Compile information on your athletic career, statistics, etc.
4. Secure video tapes of some of your games.
5. Compile information on your academic performance in high school such as grade point average as well as ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Attempt to determine your academic direction in college. What major do I want?
7. Determine your family's financial status. Fill out an FAF form along with specific college financial aid forms. Usually you will need an income tax form (W-2) for proof.
8. Obtain a list of colleges you would be interested in.
9. Make out a checklist that would speak to the things you feel important in determining what college is

best for you: academic strength, philosophical position and reputation, social life, dorm implications, athletic program, and athletic program philosophy.

10. Plan a trip to the campus and visit some classes, the chapel, financial aid office, academic department interested in, coaches, food service, and dorms. It may be beneficial to make it an overnight. Also observe practices and/or games. Talk with athletes regarding the program as they see it.

11. Evaluate how you would fit in with your ability, desire, and philosophy of life.

12. For the Christian, prayer and council should play a big part in selection. Your parents, pastor, and friends know you well. Listen and pray for God's leading through various means.

At Cedarville College, we encourage our prospects to follow these procedures. Then, we know that any student-athlete who chooses Cedarville has done so for the right reasons.



Freshman forward Dominic McKinley, shown here going up for a shot against Wilmington, started all 36 games this season.

Young cagers post 22-14 mark

Coach Don Callan previewed this 1988-89 basketball season last fall by saying it would be a "refurbishing" year for the Yellow Jackets. However, he didn't expect his young squad to exceed even his expectations. Cedarville enjoyed its second straight 20-win season with a 22-14 mark, finished the regular season second in NAIA District 22, and ended the schedule as the runner-up in District III of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

"I honestly thought if we could win half of our games that it would be a good season," said Callan, who ends his 29th year with a 441-356 career record. "We played well at the end of the season when our young players matured."

Following their worst loss of the season, 98-77 at Georgetown, Ky. on Feb. 6, the Yellow Jackets were ninth in the NAIA District 22 standings. It was cause for concern because only the top eight make the playoffs.

Cedarville proceeded to win six of their last seven regular season games to vault all the way up to second in the district. The final victory was an 87-72 decision over Shawnee State before a record crowd of 3,132 fans in the Athletic Center.

The Yellow Jackets entered the NAIA District 22 playoffs having to face number seven and rival Mt. Vernon Nazarene in the A.C. on March 1. Cedarville had beaten the Cougars 77-71 only 13 days earlier. But, this time MVNC rolled out to an 18-point first half lead and Cedarville could get no closer than four in the second period.

The cagers then attempted to defend their NCCAA District III crown. They opened with a 93-79 victory over visiting Grace College in the semifinals on March 10. Cedarville travelled to Mt. Vernon the very next day for the finals and lost 89-82. The Jackets trailed by 22 early in the second half and rallied to within five in the closing minutes before falling.

Cedarville averaged 84.4 points per game with five players hitting in double figures. Sophomore point guard Gary Harrison paced the club with 16.3 points and 4.7 assists per outing. He was tabbed an NCCAA second team All-American, All-NAIA District 22, All-NCCAA District III, and a second team pick in the Mid-Ohio Conference.

Junior center Michael Minto became a crowd favorite with an impressive stretch through the season's final half. The 6-7 leaper from Jamaica averaged 14.2 points and 5.4 rebounds per game while shoot-

ing .628 from the field.

Minto's specialty was blocking shots. He rejected 80 shots this season to wipe out Don Simerly's record of 36. His game-high was seven. Minto was named to the All-NAIA District 22 team, plus the second teams in both NCCAA District III and the MOC.

Senior Chris Reese concluded his career with 1,782 points to rank fifth on Cedarville's all-time scoring list right behind his father, Pete, who scored 1,930. Chris averaged 13.4 points this season.

Reese leaves the school having appeared in more games than any other Cedarville player with 134. He set free throw percentage school records for a season (.892) and career (.874).

Freshman Dominic McKinley was the Jackets' most versatile player at 6-foot-3. The newcomer averaged 11.0 points and a team-high 8.4 rebounds per game. His 100 steals was tops on the club and he was second in assists with 136. McKinley was the MVP of the Cedarville Invitational and was second team All-NCCAA District III. Dominic started in all 36 games this year setting a school record in that category.

Sophomore Frank Back made a nice contribution coming off of the bench. He averaged 12.4 points and 4.8 rebounds.

Freshman guard Mark Combs started 12 games and hit 44 percent from beyond the three-point line while averaging 8.1 points. Sophomore 6-foot-11 Brad Baird, plus freshmen Matt Hickman and Randal Jarrett, all combined for 35 minutes of playing time per game with Baird starting 21 contests.

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Kime, Phipps NCCAA wrestling champs

Dale Kime and Brian Phipps captured National Christian College Athletic Association individual crowns to highlight the 1988-89 Cedarville wrestling season. Kime, a 158-pound junior, and Phipps, a 142-pound freshman, paced the young Yellow Jacket grapplers with winning seasons. Dale's older brother Russ closed out his career at 177 pounds with a second-place showing at the NCCAA.

Dale Kime put together a 22-16 record with four pins and four technical falls. He led the team with 47 take downs which is the fifth highest total ever recorded at Cedarville. He placed third at the NAIA Area 7 meet and his career record is 48-37-1.

"Dale started out like he would have just a mediocre season," remarked first-year coach Allen

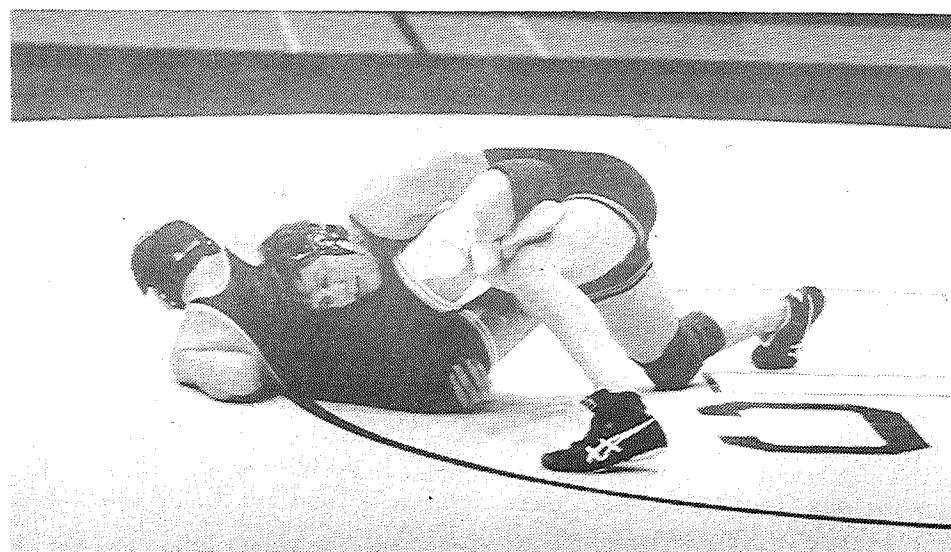
Bennett. "But he improved to the point where he became our most valuable wrestler. He should be our leader again next year."

Phipps was 15-7-1, despite missing several matches with injuries, and registered two pins and two technical falls. He placed second at the NAIA Area 7 meet and was third at the Ohio Northern Invitational.

Russ Kime was 16-15 with a team-leading six pins. He finished third at the Baldwin Wallace Tournament to wrap up his career with a 73-48 record.

"We were much stronger in the middle weight classes," explained Bennett in summary. "We saw a lot of progress individually and that was encouraging. Next season should be more promising."

Cedarville posted a 1-10 record in dual match competition with the



The wrestling squad placed fifth at the NCCAA Nationals.

lone victory coming in a 30-22 decision over Urbana. The Yellow

Jackets placed fifth out of nine schools at the NCCAA Nationals.

Lady Jackets 20-10 as NCCAA runner-up

The best women's basketball season in the history of Cedarville College came to a close at the National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament where the Lady Jackets took home the runner-up plaque. Coach Bob Fires ball club established numerous records including a 20-10 slate for the season.

"We played our most intense basketball of the entire season at the NCCAA," said Fires, who also coached the Lady Jackets to a second-place finish in 1986. "This team accomplished a lot this year and our senior leadership was the key."

Cedarville was seeded third in the eight-team field at the NCCAA Nationals at Lee College in Cleveland, Tenn. The Jackets romped to an 88-58 victory in the opener versus Houghton, NY. They then pulled off a major upset with a 67-66 win over host Lee. Defending champion King, Tenn. beat Cedarville 87-78 in the final.

"We knew coming into the tournament that our lack of depth would be a factor," added Fires. "I thought that was the difference against King."

Senior guards Chris Friesen and Joy Fagan were both named to the all-tournament team. Friesen was also selected to the NCCAA All-America first team while classmate Lynn Strickland was voted to the second team.

Friesen wrapped up her four-year career in style by nailing a school-record seven three-pointers against King en route to 22 points. She

ended up as the Lady Jackets' second all-time leader in both scoring and rebounding with 1,441 points and 921 rebounds. Chris averaged 17.0 points and 8.0 rebounds and earned spots on the All-NAIA District 22 team as well as the All-Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference first team.

Fagan was the one player who probably deserved more credit for



Senior guard Joy Fagan made 110 of 160 free throws this season.

her contributions. She averaged 15.2 points and 5.4 assists plus hit 110 of 160 free throws. Fagan earned a spot on the All-WBCC second team and was All-NAIA District 22 honorable mention.

Strickland hit for 14.8 points and a team-high 9.3 rebounds per game. She also shot 52 percent from the field. Lynn was named to the All-WBCC first team and was All-NAIA District 22 honorable mention.

Freshman center Diane Rank averaged 11.9 points and 8.0 rebounds while starting all 30 games. Senior Tammy Mascari also started every game and added 5.1 points.

Cedarville needed to get out of the tough NCCAA District III tourna-

ment in order to get to the national tournament. The Lady Jackets beat Indiana Wesleyan 72-57 in the quarterfinals, edged Huntington 74-69 in the semis, and then surprised Taylor 63-62 in the championship.

Cedarville made its first-ever appearance in the NAIA District 22 women's basketball tournament. The Jackets lost at Defiance 75-57 in the first round in a game played just three days after they won the NCCAA District III banner.

The women finished in a best-ever second place tie in the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference standings with a 6-4 mark. They were one of only two WBCC teams to beat champion Defiance and they did it by a 76-66 score at home.

Yellow Jacket Club schedules second golf outing

The second annual Yellow Jacket Club golf outing will take place on Saturday, July 15 at the Locust Hills Golf Course near Springfield. The tournament is open to all YJC members, as well as all former and present Cedarville athletes, coaches,

and cheerleaders. There will again be a male and female division, and the entry fee is \$25 per person.

For more information on the event, mail the attached coupon to Elvin King, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

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Youth leads Lady Jacket harriers

A determined nucleus of freshmen paced the Cedarville College women's cross country team to the NAIA Top 20. The surprising Lady Jackets ranked 16th in the final NAIA poll during a season which saw them win the All-Ohio College Division championship for the first time ever.

"Winning the All-Ohio was a tremendous accomplishment for our team," explained Elvin King, who was voted NAIA District 22 women's cross country Coach of the Year. "The confidence our young runners gained can do nothing but make them better in the years to come. It was exciting to see them improve."

Cedarville picked up other team titles at Wittenberg and Rio Grande. The women finished second at Wright State and the NAIA District 22 meet, and were third at the NCCAA Nationals and at Manchester.

Freshmen Brenda Paulhamus and Tammy Harvey were the team's top two runners during the campaign as both were All-NAIA District 22 performers. Paulhamus was the top

finisher in six of eight outings placing second overall three times at Wittenberg, Wright State, and Rio Grande. She was fourth in NAIA District 22, 10th in the All-Ohio College Division, and 17th at the NCCAA Nationals.

Harvey was second in six of eight showings, but she keyed the All-Ohio triumph by leading the team with a season-best time of 19:08 for the 5,000 meters. She finished fourth in the college division as Cedarville's top runner. Harvey was fourth at Wittenberg, fifth at Rio Grande, and sixth in the NAIA District 22 meets.

Junior Belinda Sills didn't run until the final three meets of the year and led the team at the NCCAA with a 13th-place finish for honorable mention All-America honors. She was also honorable mention in NAIA District 22 by placing 10th.

Freshman Mindy Schwaderer and senior captain Linda Whaley consistently ran in spots four and five. Sophomore Marti Day and junior Laurel Yates rounded out the top seven.



The women's cross country team came together as one of the NAIA's Top 20 ranked squads.

Spikers post 31-13 record, make playoffs

The Cedarville College volleyball team put together the best season in the school's history by winning 31 of 44 matches. The effort beat the 26-13 mark by the 1984 team. The Lady Jackets qualified for the NAIA District 22 playoffs and finished second in the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference.

It was a season marked by senior leadership as Jerry Hastman, Janae' Smart, and Tammy Mascari formed the backbone of the team. While Hastman was the best all-around player on the team, Mascari excelled at the net and Smart set the pace on defense.

Hastman was selected to the All-NAIA District 22 and the All-NCCAA District III teams as well as the All-WBCC first team. She led the team with 274 kills for a 2.54 per game average and in service aces with 34. Her 395 assists ranked second and she played in 108 of a possible 109 games. Hastman rated in the WBCC Top 10 in attacks, assists, serving, and blocks.

"Jeri could play any position on the floor and play it well," remarked Cedarville coach Elaine Brown, whose career record is now 148-121 in seven years. "Her versatility is

going to be missed."

Smart anchored a Cedarville defense which led the NAIA nation-



Jeri Hastman

ally in digs, tying Malone College with a 28 digs per game average. The Oregon native averaged 5.58 per game to lead the WBCC and rate third in the nation. Smart was named to the WBCC first team and was an NAIA District 22 honorable mention pick.

Mascari led the team in blocks with 103 for a 0.96 per game average. She was second to Hastman in kills with 264 for 2.47 a game. Mascari was a second team pick in the WBCC and was honorable mention in NAIA District 22.

Several underclassmen played

key roles during the season. Junior Michele Nakano registered 440 assists as the team's main setter. Julie Wilson, another junior, saw action in all 44 matches by playing in 105 games and averaging 2.22 kills per game. Sophomore Jill Jacobs averaged 4.83 digs per game which ranked 13th in the NAIA.

The most memorable victory came when the Jackets won at Dayton for their first win over the Flyers in 18 years. Cedarville placed second in its first-ever invitational and was also the WBCC tournament runner-up.

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Derek Whalen (right) and Paul Norman go aggressively after the ball against Siena Heights in the annual Homecoming match.

Fillinger NCCAA champ, 6th in NAIA

Cedarville College junior Eric Fillinger won the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) championship again, and he also repeated as an NAIA All-American to highlight the 1988 cross country season. He won six out of nine meets in the fall and finished no lower than seventh in his non-victories.

Fillinger won the NCCAA meet with a time of 24:21 for the 8,000 meters at Cedarville's home course at John Bryan State Park near Yellow Springs. The next week he placed sixth in the NAIA national meet in Kenosha, Wis. The top 25 finishers are named All-Americans. Fillinger's time was 24:47 which was only 13 seconds from second place

and 19 seconds behind the champion. He finished eighth last year.

"Eric had an outstanding season," declared Coach Elvin King. "He proved at both national meets why he is one of the top runners in the nation. He has had a great career and his senior season could be the best one yet."

Fillinger opened the schedule with individual victories at Wittenberg, Wright State, Manchester, and Rio Grande before finishing third at the Indiana University Invitational. He then placed seventh overall at the All-Ohio Championships which includes all of the state's colleges and universities.

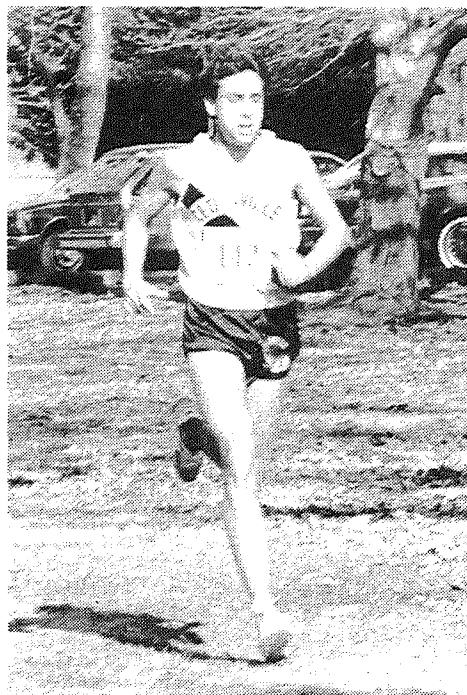
Fillinger bounced back to win the NAIA District 22 title for the first time in his career. He followed that with the performances at the NCCAA and NAIA Nationals.

Following the NCCAA Nationals, Fillinger was presented the Wheeler Award as the top Christian male cross country runner in the NCCAA.

J.P. Dawes concluded his career as the lone senior on the team. He was consistently the team's number two runner with top outings being a third-place overall at Wittenberg and fourth-place at Manchester.

Sophomore Corey Woods came on strong to place 17th overall at the NAIA District 22 meet and 20th in the NCCAA. Sophomore Jeff Bolender and rookie Andy Schaderer held down the team's fourth and fifth spots.

Cedarville won team championships at Wittenberg and Manchester. They placed second at Rio Grande, third in the NAIA District 22, and fourth at the NCCAA Nationals.



Eric Fillinger

Kickers make return trip to Texas

The Cedarville College soccer team won the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Mideast District title for the fourth time this decade to earn a berth in the NCCAA National Tournament in Longview, Texas. The Yellow Jackets entered the eight-team event seeded fourth and that's exactly where they finished. They won one out of three matches to close the campaign with their second straight 11-9-1 record.

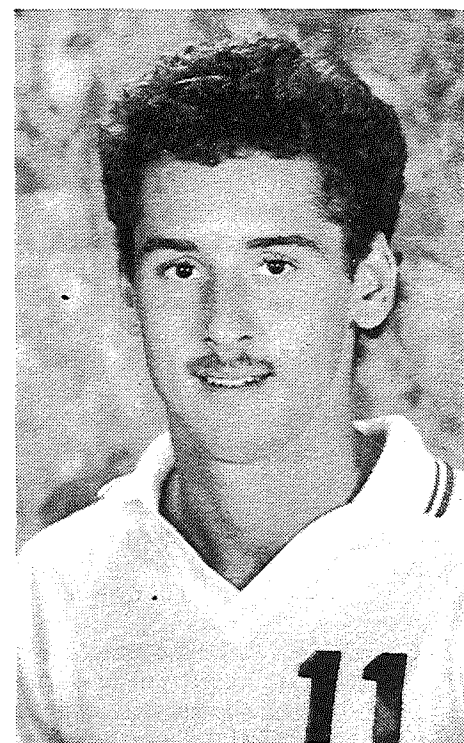
"We have to be pleased with our season," said Coach John McGillivray, who reached his 150th career win during the year. "We faced a difficult schedule and defense was the key to our success. We knew before the season started that we had limited firepower, but the team pulled together and accomplished one of its goals in winning the NCCAA district."

Cedarville opened play at the NCCAA Nationals with a 2-0 victory over fifth-seeded Eastern Mennonite, Va. with sophomore forwards Dave Kohlmeier and Brent Davis scoring the goals. Goalkeeper Dave Weaver, another sophomore, turned away three shots to preserve his fifth shutout on the year and eighth overall for the team. Top-seed and eventual champion George Fox, Ore. blanked the Jackets 2-0 in the semifinals, and Bryan, Tenn. nipped Cedarville 1-0 in the consolation final.

"We really played some of our best soccer of the year in Texas," McGillivray declared. "We outshot both teams we lost to and had opportunities to score but didn't convert. The second goal for George Fox was an own goal and that killed us. It was a great experience for our younger players and a fine ending for our seniors who last made the trip south as freshmen."

Senior back Paul Norman was named to the NCCAA All-Tournament team and wrapped up a majority of the post-season honors. He was tabbed a first team All-American by the NCCAA, plus he was recognized on the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) All-America, All-Mideast, and All-Ohio squads. Norman was a first team selection by NAIA District 22, NCCAA District III, and the Mid-Ohio Conference.

Brent Davis earned team Most Valuable Player honors and his worth was never more apparent when he missed three matches in the middle of the season, all of which Cedarville lost. He registered seven goals and six assists for 20 points.



Paul Norman

Junior midfielder Roger Swigart put in another season of "blue collar" work with six goals and an assist for 13 points. He earned his third letter in the process.

Both Davis and Swigart gained spots on the NCCAA All-District III team. Both were second team picks in NAIA District 22 and the Mid-Ohio Conference, plus they were honorable mention NCCAA All-Americans.

Dave Kohlmeier led the team in scoring for the second straight season with nine goals and eight assists for 26 points. Seniors Derek Whalen and Andy Lewis closed out their careers with double-digit scoring. Whalen scored 12 points on four goals and four assists, and Lewis added 11 points on three goals and five assists.

Dave Weaver was a "marathon" man in the nets. He logged all but 21 minutes in goal with 1,889 minutes and a 1.67 goals against average. He blanked both Taylor (2-0) and Grace (3-0) in the NCCAA Mideast District playoffs of which Cedarville hosted.

The Yellow Jackets won at least ten matches for the eighth straight season and also qualified for the NAIA District 22 playoffs for the seventh straight time. The squad had an 8-0-1 record at home to run its unbeaten string on the campus turf to ten straight. The kickers tied a school record with three consecutive shutouts and McGillivray improved his 15-year coaching record at Cedarville to 153 wins, 110 losses, and 15 ties.

Winning tradition continues in men's tennis

Cedarville men's tennis coach Murray Murdoch has entered his 24th year at the helm by having his team focus on one thing. "Our goal is always to make a return trip to Kansas City," said Murdoch, whose team has been represented 21 times at the NAIA Nationals. "We have toughened up our schedule once again and that demands improvement from our players. We want to maintain, if not better, last year's showing at the national tournament."

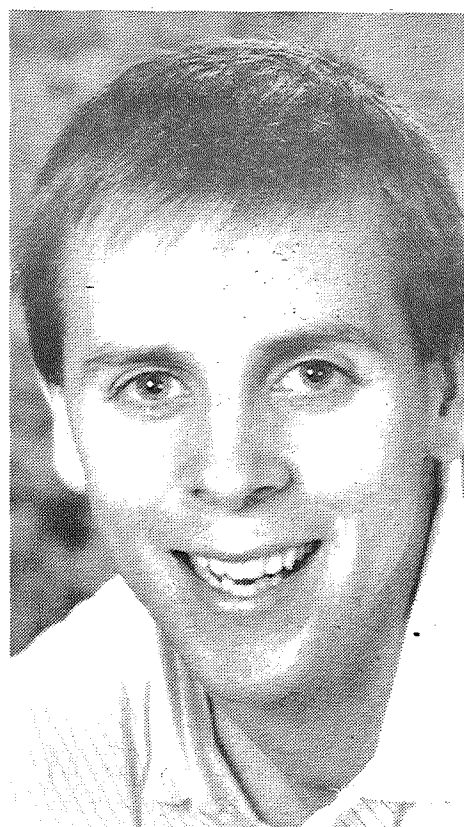
The Yellow Jackets tied for 17th in K.C. last spring and finished the regular season with a 38-2 record. The top eight players, which includes seven juniors and a sophomore, all return this year. They were 38-5 as rookies two years ago and won 13 of their first 14 outings this season. That's a record of 89-8 in the past two-plus seasons.

"I know I've echoed the same thing for the past two years, but maturity is the key to our success this spring," Murdoch declared. "These guys are juniors now and they are recognized as veteran collegiate players. We expect another exciting season."

Murdoch began the season with a



Steve Brumbaugh,
76-14 career singles record.



Jeff Kohl,
ranked 31st in NAIA singles.

career record of 427-57 and the Yellow Jacket netters should keep up that winning tradition this spring. Jeff Kohl has held down the number one spot since his arrival two years ago and he's ranked 31st in NAIA singles. He's joined by classmates Steve Brumbaugh, John Kelley, Steve Lesko, Scott Poling, Bruce Taranger, and Dino Tsibouris. Those seven have won more than 80 percent of their singles matches since joining the program.

Murdoch will get a major contribution from sophomore P.J. Kitchen who was 16-2 as a freshman in '88. Mark Murdoch, the coach's son, enters the roster after being red-shirted his rookie year with injury problems. Junior Gary Hoag rejoins the team after sitting out last year, and newcomer Spencer Shaffer completes the line-up.

The Yellow Jackets' 1989 schedule features eleven matches against NCAA Division I competition including the likes of Eastern Kentucky, Cincinnati, Toledo, and Eastern Michigan. Cedarville has run off 38 consecutive homecourt victories dating back to 1986.

Women's netters team to beat

The Cedarville College women's tennis team will be quite confident about their chances when the NAIA District 22 tournament rolls around in May. The Lady Jackets have a set line-up that is solid from top to bottom and the new district tournament format should be to their advantage.

"This is the most seasoned team that I've had in a while," claimed coach Pam Diehl. "I'm not afraid to say that I believe we're the team to beat in the district. I don't tell many teams that, but this should be our year."

Staying healthy will be a key for Cedarville. While the top six are veteran players, a lack of depth is one of the few negatives the team has.

Janell Kelley has been inked into the number one position. Even though she was 5-8 in singles play a year ago, she played well enough to make the All-NAIA District 22 team.

Stefanie Swift will play in the second spot after making the all-district team last spring in both singles and doubles as a sophomore. Amy

(DeCook) Royer returns to the number three slot after sitting out last season. Julie Swift will be at fourth singles, senior Becky Tucker at number five, and Elaine Stroup at six.

The doubles pairings will go right down the line. Kelley and Stefanie

Swift will be at number one and will be followed by Royer and Julie Swift, plus Tucker and Stroup.

"The order is set and I would like to keep it that way," said Diehl. "That way the players know what to expect and can develop some consistency."

Cedarville posted a 6-6 dual match record last spring. The Lady Jackets finished second in the NAIA District 22 tournament. This year's district tournament will be played in Canton on May 11-13 and will feature a flighted singles tournament instead of an open draw.

Men's track to be competitive

The Cedarville College men's track team possesses an optimistic outlook for the spring. The Yellow Jackets should be competitive in each event even though they don't appear to have a lot of depth.

"I believe we'll be more competitive than expected," reports Cedarville coach Elvin King. "We have few athletes who can win their event in every meet, but most all of them will be on a good competition level."

The one NAIA national caliber athlete running for the Yellow Jackets is distance specialist Eric Fillinger. The junior is already a

two-time NAIA All-American in cross country, and more recently gained All-America status in the NAIA indoor 3-mile. Eric will concentrate on the 10,000 meters while also running occasionally in the 1,500 and 5,000. He was the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) champion in both the 5,000 and 10,000 last spring.

Fillinger will be joined in his leadership responsibilities by David Reid and Shaun Hannay. The trio has been tabbed the team's tri-captains.

Senior J.P. Dawes enters his

fourth year of competition in the Cedarville College program. The Indianapolis product will be training for the NAIA marathon to be run at the national meet in Los Angeles in May.

The Yellow Jackets will be paced in the sprints by Dave Weber. Freshman Steve McGinnis will make a big contribution in the pole vault.

Cedarville will focus on the NCCAA National Meet to be staged at Huntington, Ind. on May 5-6. The Yellow Jackets will serve as host for the NAIA District 22 championships on April 29.

Strickland to lead lady tracksters

There can be strategy to coaching a track team. That's what Cedarville's Elvin King will find out when it comes to the 1989 edition of Yellow Jacket women's track.

"Generally, we expect to be fairly strong," predicts King. "However, we need to concentrate on putting athletes in the right events at the right time. We'll be competitive in most events, but we don't want to over work anyone."

A case in point comes in the person of team captain Lynn Strickland. She is, without question, one of the best female athletes to compete at Cedarville College. The Phoenix, Arizona native is talented in a number of events, but that's where

King knows he has to be careful.

"Lynn can do a number of things and the events she competes in depends on what meet it is," added King. "The only event that we know she will participate in each time out is the high jump."

Strickland was the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) champion in both the high jump and 100 meters last year. She competed at the NAIA Nationals in the high jump, and has a good chance to earn All-America honors (top six) this year.

The coaching staff will begin preparing Strickland for the NAIA heptathlon in 1990. That event includes the 100, 800, high jump,

long jump, 100 meter hurdles, javelin, and shot put. If she progresses well ahead of schedule this spring, she may try the event this May in the big meet in Los Angeles.

King has a pair of pretty good distance runners in freshmen Brenda Paulhamus and Tammy Harvey. The two rookies both made the All-NAIA District 22 cross country team in the fall, and both will run the 800 and 1500 meters this spring. Donyal Carter, another freshman, should be competitive in the sprints.

King summarized his team's outlook by saying, "Our freshmen are unproven, but the talent is there for them to make a significant contribution. It will be exciting to see them improve."

Cedarville's lone home meet comes on April 29 when they host the NAIA District 22 championships. The Lady Jackets will shoot for their sixth straight Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference title at Findlay on April 25.

Baseball club under new leadership

Pete Reese takes over the reins of the Cedarville College baseball program after spending the past 23 years on the west coast at Los Angeles Baptist College and The Master's College. The Yellow Jackets were 12-22 in 1988, but a solid nucleus returns which could produce a winner this spring.

Junior captain Shane Hardy is the top returnee both at the plate and on the mound. He batted a team-high .324 last year and also topped the club in runs batted in (21), doubles (7), and walks (23). Hardy had a deceptive 3-7 pitching record a year ago with one save. In three of his losses, the Jackets scored a total of two runs. Shane struck out 40 and walked 29.



Shane Hardy

Shortstop Gary Dankworth hit .293 with 12 rbi's. He, along with Hardy, were the only two players to see action in all 34 games last season. Dankworth played a role in 18 of the 24 double plays turned by the Yellow Jacket defense.

Big first baseman Luis Cruz could carry some clout in his bat this year. The Puerto Rican native, who checks in at 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, will also be asked to put in some quality time on the mound. Cruz had a 2-2 record last spring and is the only senior on this year's club.

Leadoff man Rod Haseltine reassumes his role after hitting .250 as a sophomore. He will also help anchor down the middle of the defense in center field.

"We have players who will make contact at the plate and we could surprise some people offensively," said Reese. "Our pitching appears to be solid, especially if the younger players come through for us."

Five other players return who saw considerable action last year. That list includes junior pitcher-infielder Adam Winters who is projected to be in the starting rotation on the mound. Others are junior pitcher Tim Birch, plus outfielder Jeff Kendra, third baseman Todd Clemens, and catcher John Yoder, all sophomores.

Cedarville will play 11 of the other 12 NAIA District 22 schools this spring. Highlighting the schedule are Mid-Ohio Conference home doubleheaders with Ohio Dominican on April 22 and Mt. Vernon Nazarene on May 2. The Yellow Jackets will play Central State in a 5:30 p.m. doubleheader at Springfield's Municipal Stadium on May 5.



Lynn Strickland hopes to be jumping in the NAIA Nationals in Los Angeles this May.

Friesen, Fagan Academic All-Americans

Chris Friesen and Joy Fagan, both members of the Cedarville College women's basketball team, have been named to select All-Academic teams for the 1988-89 season.

Friesen, a 5-foot-8 senior from Redding, Cal., was selected to the NAIA Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete team. She averaged 17.0 points per game for the 20-10 Lady Jackets, plus carries a 3.46 grade point average as a mathematics major. Chris is the first Cedarville basketball player, male or female, to be named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Friesen was also voted to the GTE CoSIDA Academic All-District IV College Division basketball team for the second year in a row. The team, which is selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America, includes players from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Both Friesen and Fagan were named to the National Christian College Athletic Association



Chris Friesen

(NCCAA) Academic All-America squad. Fagan, a 5-foot-6 senior from Ypsilanti, Mich., averaged 15.2 points per game and carries a 3.64 GPA as an English major.

Young linksters optimistic

The Cedarville College golf team appears to be short on collegiate experience, but long on talent when it comes to the 1989 season. Even though the Yellow Jackets lost four-year number one man Mark Reed to graduation, they could be more competitive this spring.

"We had some young players last year who improved greatly with seasoning," remarked coach Allen Monroe. "I believe we'll be better overall as a team and on occasion be able to play with the top teams in the district."

A pair of sophomores, Dan Schear-

er and Ryan Bowen, are predicted to be the leaders. Both played on the varsity a year ago and Monroe has high expectations for the second-year players.

"Danny is probably the most consistent player on the team and should score in the mid to high 70's," said Monroe. "Bowen may not be as consistent, but he has the game to score well. Both are very good around the green."

Schearer opened the 1989 schedule with a team-best 75 at the Glenville State Invitational where the Jackets placed 10th out of 19 schools. Bowen carded a 77.

Monroe was quite pleased with the opener by saying, "The conditions at Glenville were very wet and the competition was tough. We proved early that we could hold our own against some good golfers."

Todd Roberts, another sophomore, has excellent tournament experience behind him having played on an Ohio Class A state championship team at nearby Southeastern High School. Greg Sever, who is 41 years young, is capable of posting some low numbers and second-year man Todd Pennington is also expected to make a solid contribution.

Highlighting the Yellow Jackets' schedule is the Eighth Annual Cedarville College Invitational on April 8. Fifteen schools are expected to participate.

Cheerleaders to stay busy

An all new group was initiated into the spirit ranks of the college this year. Each of the eight cheerleaders, who were chosen last fall, had not cheered before at Cedarville. Selections were based on evaluation of cheerleading skills, academic standing, and character references.

Led by sophomore captain Laura Fyffe, the young squad showed much improvement over the course of the season. Completing the list of names were freshmen Amy McDonald, Kathy Reed, Kelly Scott, Brian Bates, Tim Holm, and Mark Murphy. Sophomore Todd Mahon cheered with the squad during the fall quarter. Serving as the school mascot was junior Jay Hidalgo.

Also new at the helm is advisor Mrs. Valerie (Friley) Walker. She is an alumnus of Cedarville and former Yellow Jacket cheerleader from

1977-81. She brings with her a strong background in cheerleading and directing.

What are the purposes of cheerleading? According to Mrs. Walker, they are to raise school spirit and support all of the school's athletes by unifying the fans in a cooperative effort. A cheerleader becomes a representative of the school and must therefore conduct himself or herself responsibly both on and off the court. Another perspective is added to Christian cheerleading in that the group's motivation should be to serve and glorify the Lord.

Their duties carry through to spring quarter when they will conduct 12 clinics for Xenia middle schools. This community outreach has been a practice of Cedarville College cheerleaders for almost 15 years.

Seniors to lead softball squad

The 1989 Lady Jacket softball team will include a contrasting mix of veteran talent with unproven youth. Only seven players return from last year's 14-11 team that finished the season winning eight of their last 11 games.

"Our seniors must have good seasons for us to have a good year," proclaimed coach Bob Fires. "We have first-year players in a number of positions and they will need to mature quickly."

The top returnee, senior shortstop Chris Friesen, may have seen the bulk of her season go by the wayside after reinjuring her back right before the start of the season. She completed a successful basketball campaign, but reaggravated her back problem in softball workouts. Last year, Friesen made the All-Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference team after hitting .329 with nine doubles and 26 runs batted in.

Senior Rebecca Clifford is a two-time All-WBCC choice in centerfield. She batted .298 last spring and scored a team-high 23 runs. Clifford stole 14 of 15 bases and had four assists from her outfield position.

Kristi Culp, also a senior, is one of two pitchers back in the line-up. She started 21 games last year and posted an 11-9 record with a 2.36 earned run average. Culp logged 136 1/3 innings and had 18 complete games.

Chris Jackson finished the 1988 schedule with three straight wins for a 3-2 record in seven appearances. She had an ERA of 3.82 in 29 1/3 innings pitched.

Cedarville played just eight games on the home diamond last spring, but many more are on the schedule for 1989. Eight twinbills are set for the campus field including WBCC battles with Tiffin and Bluffton. The conference tournament will be played on April 28-29 at Tiffin.

Fillinger All-American again

Junior Eric Fillinger became an NAIA All-American for the third time by placing sixth in the 3-mile run at the NAIA Indoor National Track Meet in Kansas City on Feb. 25. His time was 14:31 for the distance and the top six finishers earn All-America status. He is also a two-time NAIA All-American in cross country.

Former Cedarville College runner Jane Romig-Brooker's record in the women's 1,000-yard run held up. She set the mark of 2:36.13 when she won the event for the second straight year in 1986. That clocking is the record for the NAIA as well as the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. Brooker was named the Outstanding Female Performer of the 1986 meet.

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